



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	02	2023	To	31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Stubbington Baptist Church		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1193362		
Charity's principal address	Jay Close		
	Stubbington		
	Fareham		
Postcode	PO14 3TA		

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dianne Woodhouse	Secretary		Church membership
2	Sue Morgan	Bookkeeper		Church membership
3	John Griffith	Pastoral	Appointed: Sept 23	Church membership
4	John Richards	Fabric		Church membership
5	Carol Fleming	Outreach		Church membership
6	David Coram		Resigned March 23	Church membership
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (adopted Feb 2018)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The trustees are appointed in line with the church's constitution approved at Church meeting in 2018.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	The church is open to all people of all ages. The trustees oversee the daily day to day running of the church. The trustees seek the views of the members in deciding activities and ways to further God's work in the church. There is a safeguarding policy in place and a named designated person for safeguarding. Criminal record checks are carried out prior to commencement of volunteers or trustees starting in line with statutory requirements. All trustees have undertaken Level 2 safeguarding training with some completing Level 3 training. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Regular public worship
Baptism
Communion of the Lord's Supper
Evangelism & worship
Teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young members
Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
Education & training for Christian and community service
Giving and encouraging pastoral care
Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the UK and abroad
Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians
Outreach events such as coffee & cake, Snack 'n' Chat, Parent and toddlers and various social events spread throughout the year.

In planning the activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Stubbington Baptist Church is extremely grateful for the regular commitment of its many volunteers who are involved in all areas of the church activities. It is not possible to accurately estimate the number of volunteer hours provided during the year. The number of volunteers giving freely of their time remains high. Their time is given freely and willingly and does not appear in any financial accounts produced by Stubbington Baptist Church.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this period the world remained troubled by international conflicts. The Ukraine-Russia war was in its second year and in October hostilities broke out between Israel and Hamas. These troubles continue, with hopes for a future settlement. Jesus warned his followers that there will be wars and rumours of wars in the last days, (Matt.24:6).

Regarding specific SBC events:

In April we observed Good Friday on Stubbington Green, with other churches. We also had an evening celebration on Easter Saturday.

In May 2023, there was the Coronation of King Charles III. There were national celebrations, and we held a celebratory church lunch.

Also in May, Jack Walker, a retired Baptist Union minister, became our church Moderator.

In September, due to leadership changes, John Griffith became the Pastoral Deacon.

In October we met with a candidate for the role of Pastor. On November 19th he came to preach at a morning service. Although his ministry was appreciated, the Ministry Search Team felt it best not to proceed any further with the candidate.

There have been changes within our congregation and membership. As well as those who have departed to be with the Lord, some have moved on and some people come more frequently.

Bible Ministry:

On Sundays, there were messages, mainly by members of the Leadership Team, from John's Gospel, and we also covered topics like The Fruit of the Spirit, from Galatians 5, and The Whole Armour of God, from Ephesians 6. Presently, we are studying the Churches in Revelation.

On-line (through Facebook), up to 17 people (out of 25 registered), access the service with typically 13 people watching it.

Praise and Worship meetings took place on some Sunday evenings.

We share in Holy Communion on the second Sunday morning and the fourth Sunday evening of the month.

The Life/House Groups also have their Bible study programmes, meeting either on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, in a home or on church premises.

The Church Programme:

The monthly prayer meeting is held on the first Tuesday morning.

The music group meets weekly for rehearsal for our Sunday worship.

Messy Church, Snack 'n' Chat, Coffee and Cake, Sunday School, Baby and Toddlers and Mission have their own reports.

Deacons/Trustees meetings take place every one to two months.

There are regular Social Events for food and fellowship planned.

Involvement with Churches Together in Stubbington continues, with our own appointed representative from the Leadership Forum.

Most volunteers are expected to be part of the Safeguarding Programme, and regular training is arranged.

We are grateful for those who serve us in administration, technical support, music, catering, cleaning, gardening, welcoming, Communion preparation and Sunday and children's ministry.

We appreciate those who are involved with the care of the premises and those who aid with the hiring out of the church to other groups.

Sunday School

We have a team of three teachers and four helpers. The teachers prepare material for Sunday School each week in case any children arrive at church. If children come, then Sophie and Emily join the Sunday School class to give company and assistance. We held Sunday School regularly before Christmas 2023, but in the past two months we have only had a group on one Sunday. We continue to use material purchased from Scripture Union and reproduced on the church's printer.

Church Socials

We try to organise a Church Social every two months. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Beetle Drive as not enough people had signed up.

Coffee and Cake

Coffee and cake meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11am. Numbers vary but usually are between 15 and 25. There is always a good atmosphere, and people are happy to chat.

Snack 'n' Chat

Snack 'n' Chat is on the 1st Thursday of each month at 12.30pm. A light lunch is served to between 20 – 24 people followed by a sweet treat with tea or coffee. We sometimes have people from Baby and Toddlers join us and have had a few people from outside. A variety of food is served and suggestions for new meals are always welcome. We can cater for special diets if we know in advance.

Everyone is welcome at any of these events, if you haven't been before, why not give it a try!

Baby & Toddlers

Baby and Toddlers meets each Tuesday afternoon in term time. We have a team of seven who run Baby and Toddlers. Maureen and John Richards, Sally and Gary Whitehurst attend each week. Two of the helpers are from Shoreline Church and have assisted with Baby and Toddlers for several years on weeks 3, 4 and 5. One helper from Stubbington Baptist Church assists on week 2.

Numbers attending over the past year has remained low. Average numbers of children attending each week have dropped from 7 in Spring Term 2023 to 4 over the past three terms. Two of our regular children are due to start school in September 2024.

Section D

Achievements and performance

MESSY CHURCH REPORT

Messy church meets on the 4th Thursday of each month.

There are about 30 families who are sent reminders each month.

Some come regularly, others now and again. Each month we seem to get a couple of new children. Some return next time, but some don't. We need to remember that we are in competition with all the After-school clubs such as swimming and football.

Actual attendance averages about 20. They all seem to enjoy the Craft and games. The Celebration has become more inter active now and suits all ages.

We are so grateful to the Adults and young people that help out in any way. The Foodie team always produce a mouth-watering meal and dessert. It is a big team effort – thank you. Douglas

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at 31/12/2023 was £78 405 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss / reduction of donations and giving from church members and attenders. The funds are held to cover 6 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that might occur. The church is also actively seeking a new minister which could involve housing costs, either mortgage or rental.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The primary source of funds is giving from the church members which includes Gift Aid. This is from planned giving, collections at Church services and donations.

The church also hires out the use of various rooms for various groups. Examples include the local WI, Royal British Legion and NCT.

Highlights of the report were:

- The church's Business Reserve account during the year was added to bringing its total to just over £102,700
- the full use of the £8,000 allowance for Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, after researching HMRC's definition of small donations.
- our missionary giving and financial support to 11 Christian organisations
- proposed expenditure, which will include our usual 10% of the past year's income for missionary giving, as well as a number of replacement/refurbishment items.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Dianne Woodhouse	
Full name(s)	Dianne Woodhouse	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	6 th September 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Stubbington Baptist Church

1193362

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.01.2023		31.12.2023

Section A Receipts and payments

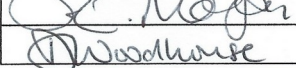
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash to bank - plate offerings, food and miscellaneous donation	12,816	100	-	12,916	17,251
Gift Aid donations	32,473	-	-	32,473	33,425
Gift Aid tax recovered	10,545	-	-	10,545	12,262
Non Gift Aid donations	11,875	-	-	11,875	3,627
Other Revenue (refunds etc.)	602	-	-	602	1,083
Room hire payments	9,180	-	-	9,180	5,139
Charitable donations in	-	300	-	300	-
SSE/OVO Feed-in-tariff payments	-	-	-	-	1,230
Interest received	914	-	-	914	122
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	78,405	400	-	78,805	74,139
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,405	400	-	78,805	74,139
A3 Payments					
Stipend, PAYE & NI, Pensions costs	384	-	-	384	23,005
Advertising & Marketing	112	-	-	112	125
Cleaning	2,115	-	-	2,115	2,509
Charitable donations - out	25	-	-	25	-
Equipment purchases	3,416	-	-	3,416	771
Direct Expenses (Preaching fees etc.)	1,943	-	-	1,943	1,026
General Expenses	4,719	-	-	4,719	3,368
Insurance	1,610	-	-	1,610	1,584
IT Software & Consumables	68	-	-	68	227
Kitchen supplies (incl. food & drink)	1,742	-	-	1,742	2,199
Licences	818	-	-	818	729
Light, Power, Heating	7,161	-	-	7,161	6,566
Maintenance of building	4,939	-	-	4,939	1,832
Maintenance of grounds	836	-	-	836	190
Missionary Giving	6,750	400	-	7,150	9,370
Postage, Freight & Courier	120	-	-	120	78
Printer/photocopier costs	408	-	-	408	536
Printer lease	782	-	-	782	782
Repairs & maintenance	2,790	-	-	2,790	3,266
Staff training	489	-	-	489	240
Stationery/office supplies	229	-	-	229	110
Subscriptions	1,047	-	-	1,047	921
Telephone & Internet	698	-	-	698	426
MS Windows licences	386	-	-	386	397
Sub total	43,587	400	-	43,987	60,257
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	43,587	400	-	43,987	60,257
Net of receipts/(payments)	34,818	-	-	34,818	13,882
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	67,912	-	-	67,912	54,030
Cash funds this year end	102,730	-	-	102,730	67,912

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	11,692	-	-
	Business Reserve account	91,038	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	102,730	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid tax refund	934	-	-
	Solent NHS Trust - Nov room hire	65	-	-
	OVO Feed-in-Tariff balance owed	2,649	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Building and Land	Endowment funds in Bus. Res. a/c	-	1,500,000
	Building contents incl. furniture, fixtures and fittings, computers & other equipment	Endowment funds in Bus. Res. a/c	-	100,000
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B5 Liabilities				
	DG Cleaning invoice 2755	Unrestricted funds in Current a/c	117	paid 15/01/24
	AWC Kitchens invoice 4604S	Unrestricted funds in Current a/c	430	paid 17/01/24
	British Gas electricity bill - December	Unrestricted funds in Current a/c	277	paid 22/01/24
	Christmas Dinner expenses	Unrestricted funds in Current a/c	37	paid 22/01/24
	British Gas gas bill - December	Unrestricted funds in Current a/c	917	paid 23/01/24

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		S.L. MORGAN	06.03.24
		D. WOODHOUSE	06.03.24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

STUBBINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1193362

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

IAN DOUGLAS MITCHELL

Date:

10th MARCH 2024

Name:

IAN DOUGLAS MITCHELL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

RETIRED MEMBER OF J.C.A.E.W.

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE